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CONGRESSIONAL SUMMER INTERNS

1. Information--you can't operate without it
 - one reason you're here--to learn how Congress runs
 - but acquiring it easy--all available--you just dig it out
2. Same for President, Cabinet, Congress
 - need info to operate
 - often available--but just as often not--many nations closed
 - ° wheat steal
 - ° cheat on SALT (couldn't have treaty at all)
3. IC job to get info government needs to carry out its policies intelligently--make sound decisions
 - what's IC?
 - ° all intel gathering and intel analyzing departments of USG
 - e.g., State - diplomatic
 - Defense - military
 - Energy - energy related
 - FBI - foreign spies in U.S.
 - CIA - political, economic, military
 - ° how collect?
 1. Technical - pictures/intercepts
 - burgeoning

2. Human - the spy

- no less important than technical
- intentions, plans

3. Big job today - dovetail, integrate

- very expensive - risks
- want no gaps or too many overlaps

° other half of intel - analyze

- research - like university
- put pieces together
- never have whole picture - depend on experience, trends, changes from which deductions can be made
- want divergent views

° CIA

° State

° Defense

4. How stack up with Soviets?

- ° HUMINT - smaller but better - scalpel vs. meat cleaver approach
- ° Technical - clearly more advanced
- ° Analysis - open vs. closed society

Intend keep that way

5. Big issues today for intel

- ° Charters - 1947 out of date
 - must balance rights/freedoms vs. need for information
 - can't shackle IC if want info
 - owe it to IC to tell what want them to do/don't want them to do
- ° Anticipate trouble spots - further down stream - alert President, Congress to trends

6. One of biggest success stories of past few years - success of Oversight

- 2 special committees
- good relations - both ways
- candid - testify personally often
- accountability benefit
- guidance helpful
- guarantee intel activities in full conformance with laws/standards of U.S.